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PLEADING CYCLE ESTABLISHED FOR COMMENTS ON CALIFORNIA PAYPHONE ASSOCIATION'S PETITION FOR PREEMPTION OF HUNTINGTON PARK, ORDINANCE PURSUANT TO SECTION 253 OF THE COMMUNICATIONS ACT

CCBPol 96-26

Released: December 30, 1996

On December 23, 1996, California Payphone Association (CPA) filed a petition for preemption of Ordinance No. 576 NS, adopted June 17, 1996, by the City of Huntington Park, California, pursuant to section 253(d) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended. CPA states that Huntington Park's adoption of Ordinance No. 576 NS prohibits or has the effect of prohibiting the ability of many payphone service providers to provide pay telephone services in Huntington Park's business district, contrary to section 253(a) of the Act. CPA further states that the ordinance is inconsistent with the Commission's regulations adopted pursuant to section 276(b)(1) of that Act, to promote competition among payphone service providers and promote the widespread deployment of payphone services to the benefit of the general public.

Interested parties should file comments on the CPA petition by January 13, 1997, and reply comments by January 21, 1997, with the Secretary, FCC, 1919 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20554. A copy should also be sent to Janice Myles, Common Carrier Bureau, FCC, Room 544, 1919 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20554, and to the Commission's contractor for public service records duplication, ITS, Inc., 2100 M Street, N.W., Suite 140, Washington, D.C. 20037. Parties filing comments in this non-docketed proceeding should include the Policy Division internal reference number, CCBPol 96-26, on their pleadings. The CPA petition is available for inspection and copying in the Common Carrier Bureau's Public Reference Room, Room 509, 1919 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20554. Copies can also be obtained from ITS by calling (202) 857-3800.

We will treat this proceeding as non-restricted for purposes of the Commission's ex parte rules. See generally 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200-1.1216. For further information contact Janice Myles, Policy and Program Planning Division, Common Carrier Bureau, at (202) 418-1577.